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1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH THORDUR ASGEIRSSON ICELANDIC IWC REPRESENTATIVE. GOI, HE SAID, HAD NOT YET CONSIDERED AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING; ACCORDINGLY HIS COMMENTS ARE INFORMAL AND MAY BE REFINED LATER. BASICALLY, ICELANDIC OPPOSITION TO MORATORIUM UNCHANGED, PERHAPS EVEN STRONGER NOW THAN BEFORE. ICELAND BELIEVES IWC NOW IN BETTER CONTROL OF WHALING THANKS TO NEW FORMULA WHICH IS VERY STRICK AND UNDER WHICH STOCKS NOT BEING OVERHARVESTED.

2. ICELAND ALSO HAS DOMESTIC CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF LOCAL INDUSTRY. ASGEIRSSON SAID ICELANDIC STOCKS SHOW NO SIGNS OF OVERHARVESTING OR DECLINE. BLAKE

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